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1999 TAUROS 4 X 4 - loaded - local trade - very clean - one owner



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Elba City Council tables action on beer license

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council named Lynn Baker to a second term on the Elba Board of Zoning Adjustments. The first three year term expired this month.

Other board members are Nancy Brunson, Scott Kelley, Doug Martin Sr. and Marianne Marler. Mike McGuire and City Clerk Wayne Grantham serve as Supernumerary members.

Approval of an Off-Premise beer license for James Gray was postponed by the council after Mayor James Grimes told council members that the required ABI (Alabama Bureau of Investigation) report has not been received by city officials.

He explained that both the Police Chief and City Clerk need this background report before issuing their opinion on the application.

The application will be reconsidered after the ABI report is received.

On hand to oppose the issuing of the license were Mary Coleman and Renee Turner. Both told council members they live in the neighborhood and didn't

want beer sold around their children.

They had also opposed an alcohol license for this location several months ago.

Grimes reviewed the current budget and told council members the present budget was close to projections in both income and expenses.

He spoke briefly on the budget planning for the new year. The mayor warned the first rough figures show expenditures of \$300,000 above income. Unless some additional money is found the city will be forced to trim several projects they had hoped to start after October 1.

Both the mayor and city clerk expressed thanks to city employees for their efforts in making the Saturday night concert a success.

The council also approved a resolution accepting Beaver Dam Street after being told the housing project owners were dropping their lawsuit against the city and furnishing the money for resurfacing the street.

Hearing held on 3 year highway plan

The Alabama Highway Department held a public hearing in Troy Monday evening on the three year plan for the Seventh District, which includes Coffee County.

Among those attending from Elba was Mayor James Grimes. Printed handouts, given to all citizens who attended, gave timetables for work on the 4-laning of U.S. 84 from Enterprise to Andalusia, ranging from immediate paving through 2005.

However department personnel cautioned that some dates might not be accurate. An example of this would be the printed date for paving the section from the 203 Bypass westward to

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
with Ferrin Cox

County officials have taken the necessary steps to move all election activities from Mulberry Heights to the Rec Center. However their plan (approved by the Justice Department) calls for this to begin in 2004. Therefore the September amendment election vote for those in that district will still be held in Mulberry. County Commission Chairman Robert Stephens was full of apologies this week trying to explain that to some voters, but the bottom line is that such a move must be approved by the Washington folks in the Department of Justice and this special election was not planned for when the application for the site change was filed.

Alabama is still in the news with the battle over the Ten Commandments monument and Judge Roy Moore continues to loose in every department except public opinion. . . . or at least with the opinion of those who speak out on the issue. It is embarrassing to have our Chief Justice removed from office, but then it is also embarrassing to have our Chief Justice stand up and announce he will defy the higher courts. Now that the other Alabama justices have stepped in and insisted upon obeying the court ruling, we should be able to step back and catch our breath. If Roy Moore is sincere in his belief, he should also see that he must set an example on obeying the laws and courts of our nation. Probably by the time you are reading this, the monument will be either moved or completely covered. If Judge Moore wants to continue his fight, that is his right - and the American way - but it is his fight and not that of the broke Alabama tax coffers. While we have felt strongly that he was abusing the system and would ultimately lose, we have no problem with an individual or group continuing the fight on their own. In fact, if they win in the U. S. Supreme Court all us Alabamians who claim to be Christians should offer to help replace the monument in the state judicial building!

Amendment One is still in the news with claims and counter claims. We have put out the word with all our friends that once they fully understand the bill(s), please explain them to us. So far many who claim to understand the interworkings of the amendments differ on their meaning and the ultimate affect on Alabama citizens.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, one identity theft, one criminal trespassing, three for criminal mischief, six for harassment, three for domestic violence, one assault, one controlled substance, one missing person, one possession of marijuana, two for public intoxication, two for breaking and entering of a vehicle, one found property and one reckless endangerment.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a controlled substance, one for failure to appear, one for possession of marijuana, one for public intoxication and one for domestic violence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for speeding, one for driving with a suspended driver's license, six for not wearing a seat belt and one for no proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, AUGUST 18** - River stage - 10.65 feet (6:15 a.m.); Breaking and entering reported at 1125 N. Morrow (8:36 p.m.);

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19 - River stage - 8.39 feet (6:15 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a house fire at 875 County Rd. 432 (9:36 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 - River stage - 7.69 feet (6:16 a.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21 - Disturbance reported at Beaver Dam Apt. (2:55 a.m.); River stage - 7.89 feet (6:00 a.m.); Alarm activated at Fred's Dollar Store (9:25 p.m.); Alarm activated at Big/Little West (11:21 p.m.).

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22 - River stage - 8.14 feet (6:16 a.m.); Wreck reported on Herman Driggers Drive (10:04 p.m.).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23 - River stage - 7.78 feet (6:03 a.m.); Possible breaking and entering of a residence on Claxton Ave. (5:44 p.m.); Alarm activated at 1883 Hickman Ave. (5:52 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Burch's Trailer Court (11:43 p.m.).

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 - River stage - 7.04 feet (6:00 a.m.); Person with a gun reported at 1209 Mullins (6:20 p.m.); Disturbance (in progress) reported at 627 Mullins (7:00 p.m.); Alarm activated at 1289 Neil Grantham Dr. (9:47 p.m.).

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The School-to-Career program based at the MacArthur Campus of Lurleen B. Wallace Community College recently donated a computer, software and printer to Elba High School. The computer and accessories are set up in the high school library and allow students to explore many career options. Terri Dunn, a representative of the School-to-Career program, said the program is about career education and getting high school students thinking now about what career they want to pursue in the future. The School-to-Career program also is credited with supplying 60 scholarships to high school students for dual enrollment. This includes the 50 students currently taking a psychology course offered on Monday and Wednesday nights by LBW Community College at the Elba High School Campus. Above, Elba librarian Margaret Calhoun demonstrates the use of the career software program for Johnny Dunn, EHS principal, Harold Rogers, EHS vice principal, Terri Dunn, School-to-Career program, Mike Carnley, EHS counselor, Suzanne Hanscom, School-to-Career program, and Lynn Weeks, EHS instructor and counselor and instructor of the psychology class offered by LBW Community College.

Highway

(continued from front)

Curtis. According to the plan this section would be paved beginning in October 2003, yet department employees noted they were still in the process of buying property for this section and were not sure even when that part would be completed.

Presently the way such projects are progressing would be as follows. After the public hearings are over, property is bought. Then a contract is let for right-of-way clearing and grading. After that is done (and money is available) another contract is let for paving that particular section of highway. The Curtis to Elba section is in the first phase of this process (the property buying phase).

This means that the New Brockton bypass is presently being graded and subbase applied, but no contract letting has been scheduled for paving that section as of this date.

The stretch of the 4-laning through Elba has not even reached the public hearing stage as of yet, and no date for that has been set as of this week.

Property owners in the section from Elba to the New Brockton bypass should hear from the state on buying their property within twelve to eighteen months, according to highway officials Monday evening.

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• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. - Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30 Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon-First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - 3rd & 4th Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom.

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Sup. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5838

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

• REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 2nd Tuesday at noon, Driscoll Hangar at the Airport

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

DRIVE

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Safety estimates that 12 people may die as the result of traffic crashes in Alabama during the 78-hour Labor Day holiday travel period beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, and ending at midnight Monday, Sept. 1.

Last year, 12 traffic deaths occurred during the 78-hour period, 10 on rural roads and two in urban areas. At least six of the deaths were alcohol related, and six of the crash victims were not using safety restraints.

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program as appointments are already made months in advance.

In other business, the commission

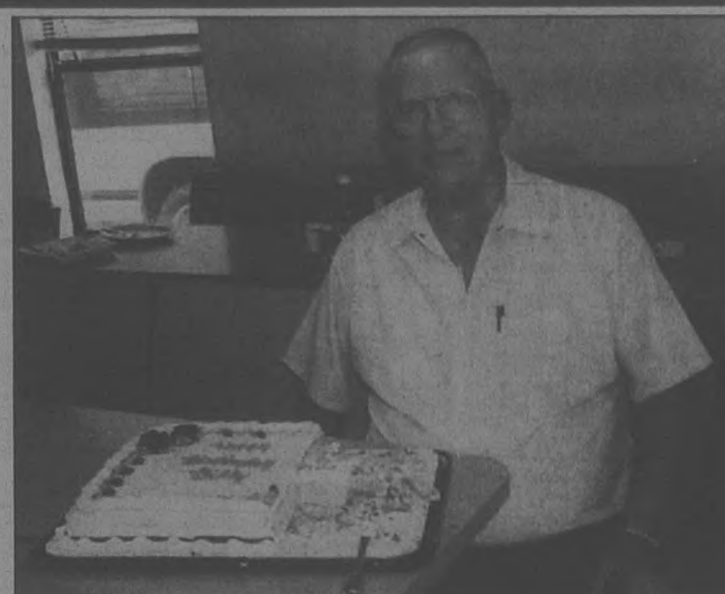
*Voted to supply \$457 in matching funds for a law enforcement block grant upon approval. Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates said this grant will be used for equipment.

*Received an update from Commissioner Jim Thompson that the fire alarm system at the Coffee County Jail has been fixed since the last commission meeting.

*Approved a motion to allow Judge Tom Head to acquire any free security equipment from the justice department that is now available for the taking.

The next meeting of the Coffee County Commission will be Monday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex.

Have A Safe & Happy Labor Day Holiday



City of Elba Street Department employees helped supervisor Billy Meek celebrate his 62nd birthday last week by surprising him with this birthday cake. The cake arrived on Thursday, but Meek actually celebrated his birthday on Friday, Aug. 22.

In Loving Memory

Gloria Tyler

(August 31, 1953 - July 15, 2003)



Wife, mother, daughter, aunt,
Sister in Christ and friend,
Today would have been your 50th birthday,
Our love to you we send.

Oh Big sister, dear sister,
More like a mother in yesterday,
You carry with you our hearts
As on wings of love you soar away.

Your battle was surely tough,
Your resolve to overcome was more complete,
To not lose hope and faith,
And to be an example we'd like to meet.

You never lost your will to fight,
But it was the will of Christ to call you home,
To visit friends and family gone before,
And to worship around His throne.

Now we will see you soon enough
When His Will directs us to that shore
But until then we will miss you
Each day more and more.

But today we pause to celebrate
And remember all you did -
Wife, mother, daughter, Christian,
Our love to you we bid.

Rest peacefully, we will not forget
All your kind words and deeds
How to each person you met
You sowed of faith the seeds.

Your kind words and actions, acts of love,
Are the things we miss deeply on this day
As we pause to celebrate your life and memory
And remember the things you used to say.

Yet words unspoken carry power as well
And these words are in our heart
"We'll miss you 'till we meet again,
never more to part."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the family physicians of Alabama I am writing to urge the passage of Governor Riley's tax reform package. Quite simply, the future of health care in Alabama is at stake in ways you might not have thought about.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency, vital to providing funding for the health care of over 700,000 poor Alabamians (400,000 of whom are children), faces an operating deficit of \$111 million for 2004, with increasing deficits thereafter. If the Governor's tax package fails, the state Medicaid System will fail, and a whole series of events will take place, none of them good.

When a doctor's office closes in a small town, everyone has a harder time getting needed care. Many physicians in our small towns would not be able to stay open if Medicaid collapses. Medicaid patients would have no way to pay for the life saving medications they depend on; untreated, they will grow sicker, and providing medical services to them then will only become more expensive. Many of our hospitals are already in trouble financially, and would also find their emergency rooms swamped with patients who no longer have Medicaid or who no longer have a physician to care for them. Our medical school clinics and hospitals will be unable to continue teaching the physicians of tomorrow or providing nationally recognized quality health care to those Alabamians who do have medical insurance without the funding base provided by Medicaid patients.

The impact on our children if the tax package fails will be especially tragic. Those agencies concerned with education, public health, mental health, children with special health care needs, support of children's hospitals, child care, abused and neglected children, foster care, juvenile justice, and public safety will face the same problem - they will be unable to help our neediest and most vulnerable citizens. And they will be unable to help us improve our state.

For these reasons, we urge our fellow citizens to support tax reform that is fair, efficient and adequate to keep vital government services functioning. Our children deserve no less.

Sincerely,
Melissa Behringer, M.D.
President, Alabama Academy of Family Physicians

Dear Editor:

I am writing on behalf of Governor Riley's Tax Accountability and Reform Plan. First let me ask that regardless of your opinion of the plan, please go to your polling place on September 9, 2003 and vote.

Second, let me tell you why I believe in the governor's plan. I am 28 years old, married, and have a young son. I want the Alabama that my son grows up in to be better than the Alabama in which I grew up. I want the highways to be better and safer, the schools to be fully funded and not operating in proration, and there to be the number of state troopers patrolling our interstates and state roads to insure every motorists' safety. These are not wasteful and silly hopes. They are the products of a properly funded and accountable state government which can be provided through Governor Riley's Tax Accountability and Reform Plan with very little impact to the average citizen.

In closing, I ask one last thing of every citizen. Please become

familiar with the specifics of the Tax Accountability and Reform Plan for yourself before voting. You can visit abetteralabama.org or www.al.com (which is run by The Huntsville Times, The Birmingham News, and The Mobile Register) to get point by point breakdowns of Governor Riley's plan. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Scott Miller

Dear Editor,

Some political pundits say it is inconsistent for Republicans to oppose Governor Bob Riley's \$1.2 billion tax plan when actually the reverse is true; it is inconsistent for Republicans to support the plan.

The Republican Party advocates lower taxes and smaller government. Unfortunately, Governor Riley's plan is inconsistent with both of these principles.

I served as Alabama Republican Party Chairman from 1992-1995. During the lead up to the elections in 1994, then Governor Jim Folsom, Jr., pushed a \$1 billion plan called "Alabama First," a tax and education reform plan similar to the one developed for Governor Riley.

It should come as no surprise that I opposed that plan and actively worked to defeat it and its principal sponsor. Many of the same groups and individuals who pushed the Jim Folsom plan are also involved in the Bob Riley plan: groups like A-Plus and a number of Birmingham industrialists who have contended for years that the way to make Alabama great is to raise taxes.

A group of Republicans who are supporting the Riley tax plan recently sent out a flyer under the banner of "REAL"

Republicans—"Republicans for Education, Accountability and Leadership." I know these men and women and think well of them, as I do Governor Riley. But the flyer implies that Republicans who oppose the Riley plan are not "real" Republicans. I don't like that.

At a July 19 meeting, the Alabama Republican Party Steering Committee voted overwhelmingly to recommend that Alabama Republicans vote NO on September 9. Although criticized by the governor's press office and the governor for our action, I believe the men and women attending that July 19 meeting are the "real" Republicans.

One of the leaders I admire, President Ronald Reagan, is often quoted and used as an example by Governor Riley. A quote the governor hasn't used was this one from President Reagan's 1965 race for Governor of California. "Government is like a big baby—an alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other," Mr. Reagan said.

The problem with Governor Riley's \$1.2 billion plan is it is strong on appetite but very weak on responsibility or, if you prefer, strong on taxes and very weak on accountability.

I ask Alabamians—especially Republicans—to vote NO on September 9. Governor Riley and the Alabama Legislature need to take another crack at solving the state's problems without overtaxing Alabama's hard working citizens in the process.

J. Elbert Peters
J. Elbert Peters is a retired electrical engineer from Huntsville. He served as Alabama Republican Party Chairman from 1992-1995 and in the

New Books @ the Elba Public Library

CHRISTIAN FICTION:
Hatcher, Robin Lee—Firstborn
Wick, Lori—The Pursuit

LARGE PRINT FICTION:
Delinsky, Barbara—Flirting With Pete
Dodd, Christina—Scandalous Again
Graham, Heather—Apache Summer

Rice, LuAnne—The Secret Hour
Roberts, Nora—Risky Business
Roberts, Nora—Storm Warning
Ross, JoAnn—Magnolia Moon

ADULT FICTION:
Clancy, Tom—The Teeth of the Tiger
Cook, Robin—Seizure

George, Elizabeth—A Place of Hiding
Gerritsen, Tess—The Sinner
Hooper, Kay—Sense of Evil
Kellerman, Faye—Street Dreams
Robards, Karen—Beachcomber
Spencer, LaVyrle—Separate Beds

NONFICTION:
Ball of Fire, the Tumultuous Life and Comic Art of Lucille Ball
Meyer, Joyce—Eight Ways to Keep the Devil Under Your Feet

UNABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE:
Evanovich, Janet—To the Nines

administrations of Governors Guy Hunt and Fob James.

Dear Editor,

For the past 30 years the Clean Water Act has helped America make many of our rivers, lakes and streams safe for swimming, fishing and drinking.

Sadly, we still have a long way to go before the goal of cleaning up all of our waters is achieved. Rather than strengthening our efforts to clean up America's waters the Bush administration is in the process of reducing the protections under this very successful law.

Recent actions by the Bush administration threaten the Clean Water Act's goals of restoring and protecting the nation's waters. The administration's actions could place at risk a significant portion of the nation's waters that have been protected from unregulated pollution and filling for more than 25 years. The recent guidance and rulemaking also may result in huge additional costs to states and local communities to clean up water pollution that will escape federal protection. And efforts to bring back healthy conditions in the rivers, lakes and streams of Alabama could be seriously compromised by the administration's actions.

In order to ensure that all of the wetlands and streams we love and enjoy remain beautiful and clean, the administration must stop their proposed actions. They should withdraw their recent guidance and halt the plan to narrow the scope of the Clean Water Act because all of these waters are precious to us now and need to be preserved for future generations.

Michael H. Anderson, Sr.

Dear Editor:

When voting on the Legislature's and Governor Myrtle McCollough Carolyn Smart

If your daughter, grand child or niece or someone you know is raped, state forensics is so strapped it will take two years to get the DNA test results. By that time, the defense is going to tell the judge, "My client did not get due process and should be dismissed."

Pass Amendment One, and justice will be swift. To me, that is enough reason to vote YES on Amendment One. Without it, we have no protection against criminals staking our children.

Sincerely,
Ed Martin

EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Women's health is high priority



Dr. Ray King, FACOG, is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the American Council for Gynecologic Endoscopy. He was trained at the University of Tennessee, is an American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Fellow, and a member of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, International Society of Gynecologic Endoscopy, American Medical Association, Society of Reproductive Surgeons, and American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists.



Dr. William B. Proffitt Jr. received his medical degree from the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, interned at University Hospital in Jackson, Mississippi, and obtained his OB/GYN residency at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He holds medical licenses in Mississippi and Alabama, and is a member of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama and Franklin County Medical Association.

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The National Security Group holds picnic for employees

The National Security Group held its annual Company Picnic for employees on July 12 at Shipwreck Island Water Park in Panama City. The Company annually hosts the event for employees, their families and guests including retired National Security employees. The Picnic is one of several

events the Company holds throughout the year to express appreciation to its employees for their contributions to the Company's continued success. National Security also recognizes that the hard work and dedication of its employees is made possible oftentimes due to sacrifices made by the employee's families.

The event's organizers want

to make this years event extra special so the suggestion was made and Company executives agreed to hold the picnic at Shipwreck Island. This decision was extremely well received as 170 attendees enjoyed a day of food, fun, and fellowship. All in attendance agreed that this was the best Company Picnic ever!

Substance abuse conference to be held

The South Alabama Substance Abuse Conference (SASA) will be held Sept. 18 - 19 at the Holiday Inn South, Dothan.

Father Leo Booth, a former Episcopal priest will be the featured speaker on Thursday, focusing on positive attitudes and moving families into recovery.

Dr. Patrick Carnes will address several topics on understanding addictions. Continuing education credits

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Breast and Cervical Cancer Seminar held at LBW-MacArthur

Lucille Latham, community educator with the Coffee County Family Services Center, presented "New Horizons in Breast and Cervical Cancer" at LBW-MacArthur on Monday, June 23.

Over 60 people attended the

seminar including LPN's and RN's, MacArthur nursing students, and the general public. This seminar was sponsored by the Coffee County Family Services Center, the Avon Breast Crusade, and the Alabama Department of Public Health. The program provided

valuable information regarding the Alabama Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. This is a program of the Alabama Department of Public Health aimed at providing breast and cervical cancer screenings for women who meet certain eligibility requirements.

In addition, participants received information regarding how to save your life with the touch of your fingers, early diagnosis, and the latest techniques in breast reconstruction. For more information regarding this program, please contact Latham at (334) 393-8538.



CHECK PRESENTATION...Elba City Councilman H.H. "Junior" Culver (right) recently received a check for \$6,500 payable to the City of Elba from The Southeast Alabama Gas District. The check represents Elba's share of funds for Fiscal Year 2002-03 from the Economic Development Enhancement Program. Culver presented this check to Elba Mayor James Grimes last Thursday afternoon, Aug. 21, and Grimes said the money will be used as part of the city's matching funds for a grant to be used to install a 12 inch water line to Toledo Molding and Die Co. (TMD).

New district for CenturyTel means better service for South Alabama customers

Customers are receiving more efficient service as CenturyTel has added a new district to the south Alabama area. Former Plant Facilities Manager Rex Shiver has assumed new responsibilities as Area Operations Manager of the Central Alabama District, which includes all or parts of Coffee, Henry, Dale, Barbour, Pike, Dallas, Wilcox, Clarke, Mobile, Crenshaw and Butler counties. Shiver has a 25-year history in the telecommunications industry with a background in engineering and customer service. His staff includes five area supervisors and more than 100 installation and maintenance employees. The new district is headquartered at 294 Andrews Avenue in Ozark.



Rex Shiver

CenturyTel, Inc. provides telecommunications services including local exchange, long distance, Internet access and data services to customers in 22 states. The company, headquartered in Monroe, Louisiana, is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CTL. CenturyTel is the 8th largest local exchange telephone company, based on access lines, in the United States. Visit CenturyTel's corporate website at www.centurytel.com.

School Reminders:

Yearbook Ads

The EHS Journalism staff members are out-and-about selling ads for the 2003-04 Elba Yearbook. The majority of the yearbook is paid for by ads. Yearbooks cost \$88 to make, but thanks to ads, we are able to sell them for \$28 each. As you can see, ad sales are VERY necessary. Please support the EHS Journalism Staff in our efforts to create a successful yearbook.

Elba Tiger T-shirts

Elba Elementary School is selling Elba Tiger T-shirts and sweatshirts for the upcoming school year. The deadline for ordering is Aug. 29. The design will be printed on a gray shirt or sweatshirt. Cost is \$10 per T-shirt and \$20 per sweatshirt. (Please add \$1 for any size over adult XL.) Contact Tiffany Germany at the Elba Elementary School (897-2814) for more information.

New Faces @ E.E.S.

by Jessica Danford

Many new faces popped up the first day of school, but most importantly, the faces of new teachers. The elementary school has a new guidance counselor, but she is no stranger to Elba.

Mrs. Lynn Baker is a 1978 graduate of Elba High School. After she graduated, she attended Troy State University and earned a BS and a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. She also has an Added Certification in Guidance and Counseling.

After college, her first job was at Goodman teaching kindergarten through the ninth grade before the school closed. Then, she started working at New Brookton Elementary School where she taught fifth grade for six years and then served as counselor for the last 12 years.

When asked how she felt about being the guidance counselor at the elementary school, she said, "It was great to be home."

At the elementary school, Mrs. Baker works with small children with similar problems and makes sure that all the stu-



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

Jr./Sr. class officers elected

by Meredith English

During the first few weeks of school, several classes have elected class officers.

Each grade nominates a certain number of students for each office then the entire class votes on who will hold that office. It really is quite an honor to be chosen to lead your class throughout the school year.

The junior class officers have a very eventful year to look forward to leading.

One event is the annual magazine sale. Each student is

expected to sell his/her quota, but the officers need to be motivating and encouraging to keep the class's moral up (otherwise the prom will not be anything to be proud of). The money the students raise will be used for creating the prom of 2004.

It is up to the community how much will be raised. Help support our junior class and even if a student does not contact you, you can contact a student and purchase a magazine. The magazine sale will begin on October 31.

The students who were chosen for these offices are the go-getters of the class of 2005. President - Rebecca English, Vice President - Taylor McGuire, Secretary - Brittany Clark, Treasurer - Anna Harrison.

As for the senior class, the officers will need to remind the students to stay on top of their dues. It would be awful to have to pay \$400, (in dues you've forgotten to pay), just to walk across the stage. The officers will also, in years to come, be the ones to organize the class reunions.

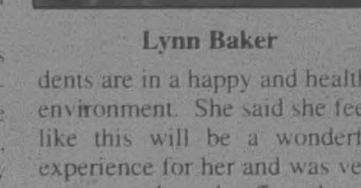
The students who were nominated and then elected as the senior class officers are as follows: President - Ayonna Procter, Vice President - Lynn Baker, Secretary - Mary Katherine Head, Treasurer - Michelle Carpenter.

The seniors also voted on the class colors white and gold; the flower, Lily; and the class motto, "Life is not about finding yourself, life is about creating yourself."

Students also voted on the EHS and DAR Good Citizen. The teachers nominated three girls and three boys for the two titles. Then all of the senior class voted, and the student with the highest number of votes was named DAR Good Citizen. Elba High School's DAR Good Citizen is Meredith English.

The student with the second highest vote was named the EHS Good Citizen, The EHS Good Citizen is Alex Allen.

Congratulations to the junior class officers, the seniors class officers, and the EHS and DAR good citizens!

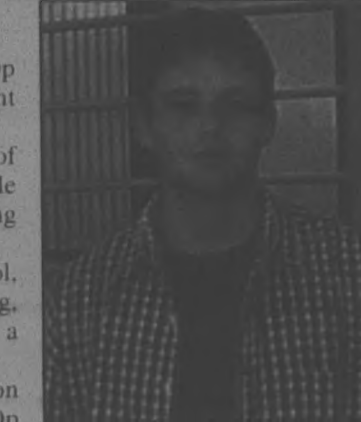


Lynn Baker

Students are in a happy and healthy environment. She said she feels like this will be a wonderful experience for her and was very nervous when the first day of school came.

In her spare time, Mrs. Baker loves listening to all kinds of music and working with children. She is on Elba's 150 Steering Committee, Band Booster, Secretary and attends First Baptist Church of Elba.

I think Elba Elementary is going to have a good year ahead of them and wishing the best of luck to Mrs. Lynn!



Trent Baker

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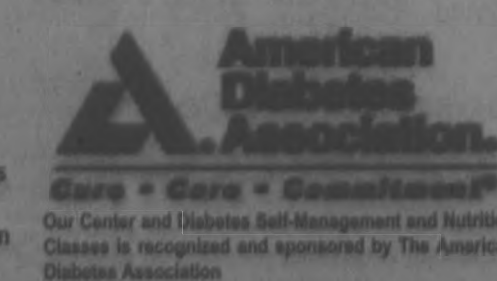
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SCHOOLS

Taking a look at Elba City Schools

by Mary Katherine Head

Recently, I sat down Mr. Danny Weeks, Superintendent of Elba City Schools. I asked him several questions about things I thought the general public would be interested in knowing.

For my first question, I simply asked Mr. Weeks how he felt this school year has gone so far.

He replied that he thought it has gone very smoothly due to the administration and teachers being prepared. Mr. Weeks also said he felt there were improved attitudes among students. He commented that everyone is excited about the beginning of football season and volleyball season, and the band should be tremendous this year.

My second question was to ask him how we looked financially. Mr. Weeks said at the present time we are stable, but if Amendment 1 does not pass our school system will suffer drastic cuts.

I then asked him how the increased revenue from the new alcohol tax has affected us financially. He said he expects the tax will generate around \$50,000 for the year, saving one teacher unit. The school has also received a lot of other support from the community, including the \$5 volunteer tax on power bills.

The next question I inquired about was if the high school might move to a five or six period schedule instead of the block schedule next year.

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Mr. Weeks talking about his biggest concern right now, which is graduation exams. He is concerned students are not taking their graduation exams as seriously as they should. He also feels that parents and teachers do not fully understand the importance of students passing these exams either.

Mr. Weeks feels that the new additional requirements for the graduation exams placed on students should be a concern for all. He is disappointed that while we offer remediation courses, few students take advantage of these courses to improve their performances on these exams. He says everyone, including parents, instructional staff, and the individual student, must accept responsibility for this. And, as superintendent, Mr. Weeks says he must provide the leadership for improvements in this area of concern.

I would like to thank Mr. Weeks for taking time out of his busy schedule to talk with me. I hope this interview will provide the people of Elba some insight into what is going on with our school system.

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Riddle Me This:

by Brittany Cooper & Alex Allen

Imagine going back in time to the Anglo-Saxon Period where people spoke Old-English and lived hard knock lives. Their days were consumed with toil and labor but there was a feeble ray of hope. This ray came from the stories and poems that were composed by traveling bards.

These bards also composed witty poems that made people puzzle and think. These were the first riddles. Here are a few composed by modern bards.

by Christy Eubanks
Easily given
Often broken
Then to be sheltered
But sometimes stolen
Given in kindness
Broken in rage
Does not matter your sex or age
No one is safe
No one can hide
Either given or stolen
You may hurt inside
Keep it pure
To it be true
Or guilt & regret shall follow you
Solve my riddle if you please
Before yours is stolen with such ease

Answer: Heart

by Kelli Richard
I invade the lives of many
Though often in many different forms
You never know where I'll turn up
My visit is never friendly or warm
Sometimes you are able to stop me
Sometimes you are not
It's according to how fast you notice me
I have been known to start as a dot
Sometimes I'm inside
Just believe me when I tell you
I can hurt so bad you'll want to shout!

Answer: Cancer

by Hannah Martin
You might try to run from me.
But I know where you hide.
I was the one you brought to the party
But only let play inside

Answer: The Imagination

by Alex Allen
I lose control with age
And become a tool in time
My only source of power is the mind
I am why most fear the anti-light
And why some can't sleep at night
I can create worlds
And watch them die
I can create people
And make them cry
My works can cause fears
Or even yield tears
My effects can be in story, lyric, or verse
I have power to make things better or worse.

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I don't take sides.
I know the truth.
Even when you start to deny
I can eat at you
Drive you mad
Even make you want to die
You may try to get rid of me
But I'll be back
For I just can't leave.
Just like that
Because as long as you are sin-
ning
In paradise I will be
So go ahead, have your fun
That's just fine with me.
Answer: Guilty Conscience

by Derick Thomas
In the beginning, I can come up from the earth.
Depending what's on me deter-
mines my worth.
I'm used for many things big and small.
Sometimes I'm even stuck on the wall.
I'm used all the time in a multi-
tude of ways.
I see many colors as I'm used
each day.
I may burn, decompose, or last
forever.
My fate is determined by man
and weather.
I can be over used, and abused.
But there is a better way.
Be conservative and recycle.
and I might stay.
I'll live to carry on the world
another day.
Solve me if you can.
The clue is in your hand.

Answer: Paper

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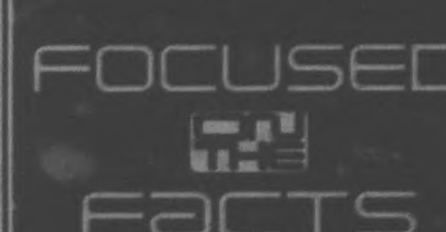
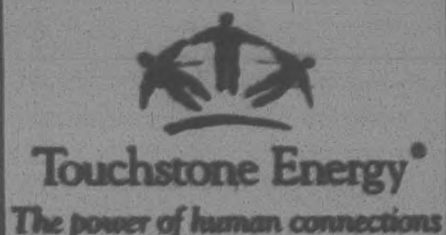
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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I learned long ago not to answer when my wife or daughters asked "Does this blouse make me look fat," but Saturday night I put my foot in my mouth once again when my youngest came in and asked me how I liked her hair. My response was that it would look better when it was dry and she combed it out, to which she replied "It is dry and this is how it is supposed to look." My second answer was that if that was how it was supposed to look I guess it was fine. I then went back to the den and sat back down in front of the TV, and realized that sometimes you can teach an old dog - or Dad something new.

ELBA TIGERS ROLL PAST SAMSON, BRANTLEY NEXT IN LINE AS SEASON OPENER NEARS

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and then pulled away late last week to defeat Samson 26-6 in the third annual Foggy Bottom Classic. It marked the third straight year the Tigers journeyed back down to Miller Memorial to hold a preseason game, and also marked the third straight year the Tigers left Miller with a win. Back in Elba's glory days the stadium was called one of the state's toughest places for a visiting team to get a win, and over a decade later the name still holds true. Maybe there is something in the river air. Elba didn't dominate the statistics in the win over Samson, but showed off a new big play running back, unveiled a big play passing attack and took advantage of Samson mistakes to roll to the twenty-point win. The Tigers drove 70 yards for their first score, 67 yards for their second score and 53 yards for their third score, and then let the defense put some points on the scoreboard with a long interception return for a touchdown. Tailback Kimmy Hill was a bright spot on offense as he gained 94 yards on 14 carries and had a 67-yard touchdown run nullified by a penalty. Hill packed a real punch when he ran, and simply ran through would-be arm tacklers and ran over others that came up and hit him head up. Elba may have lost its stable of runners from a year ago, but there is still at least one hoss left to carry the mail. Also shining in the lights at Miller was sophomore quarterback Brandon Kelley. Kelley didn't even play quarterback last year on the junior team, but was moved into the role this year due to his athletic ability, and showed Thursday night that he has the potential to be something special. A career isn't made in just one night, but last week both these young men stepped up and let every know that they were players. The Elba defense gave up some yardage, but only allowed one touchdown and began to control the line of scrimmage as the game went on. Caleb Dyess and Marchello Reed had big nights in the line, while Brandon Wilson had a big night in the secondary as he came up and knocked the helmet off a Samson receiver with a big hit near the sidelines and later on returned an interception 56 yards for a touchdown. The Tigers won't scare anybody with their size on defense, but showed that they can pack a punch. The 26-6 score may not be a true indication of just how good both teams were last week. However, Elba was much better than many thought and if the youthfull Tigers can survive during their on the field education, better days may not be far away for the Black and Gold.

Now that the preseason is over, the Tigers will get on the buses Friday night and make the short trip up to Brantley to battle the highly-touted Bulldogs. Brantley was upset by Elba 13-0 in last year's opener, but there is no doubt this Brantley team is much better than it was last season and that the Bulldogs will be looking for payback. Brantley will be favored, and rightly so. However, these Tigers love to play the game and could give the "Dogs more of a fight than many might think. It is true Brantley has the talent to win big and put lots of points on the scoreboard, but after only one week I get the feeling there is something different about these Tigers and that is that they play because they love the game. Maybe the size of the heart can outweigh the size of the opposition. This rivalry used to be one of the best on the Tigers' schedule, and it is again. Make your plans now to make the trip to Brantley and support these young men. They deserve it!

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FOR WHAT IS WORTH....

*** The post-Leavy Boutwell era kicked off down in Geneva last week and the Panthers got pounded 32-7 in just two quarters of action against 3A Straughn. Many Panther fans felt Coach Boutwell's work ethic was too rough for high school players and they made it clear he was free to go after suffering through a rare losing season in 2002. Well, now Boutwell is at 6A Northview as the head coach and after only two quarters Geneva fans are already predicting the worst for this year's team. My how times change.

*** W.S. Neal slipped past Andalusia 20-18 in a preseason game last week and the Eagles used three long scoring plays to grab the win. The three scoring plays all went for over 70 yards, which should show everyone that W.S. Neal still has as much speed as ever, and might finally be ready to step up and be the 3A contender many have been waiting on. As for Andalusia, the Bulldogs dressed out only around 30 players and have their work cut out for them again this season.

*** Enterprise went up to Birmingham to challenge 6A power Hoover and came home after a 31-0 whipping. The Wildcats were looking for a moral victory heading into the season, but found out that while the 'Cats are improving, they are still a long way from being a team to beat in the 6A ranks. The only good things about the game were that the loss doesn't count on the standings and the fans got to visit the malls. Enterprise fans need to believe that things are getting better, slowly but surely.

*** Charles Henderson fans were all excited early last week about playing Pike County in a preseason game and getting to be the first team to play in the newly renovated Movie Gallery Stadium at Troy State. Those high hopes died a sudden death late in the week when the game was moved to Brundidge due to insurance problems dealing with unfinished construction, and Trojan fans were then dealt another blow when they found out that their first two home games had to be moved to the field at Charles Henderson Middle School. Not the start Charles Henderson's players, coaches and fans were hoping for....oh yea. Pike County won the game 13-0.

*** The college football season kicked off last week and this weekend Alabama and Auburn will swing into action. Auburn will host Southern Cal in a game that could make or break the Tigers' season, while the Crimson Tide will host South Florida in the debut of Mike Shula as Bama's latest coach. Both teams should win, but the scoreboard will read 0-0 when they kick off and that funny shaped ball can take some strange bounces. One thing is certain, the Auburn and Alabama fans will be in mid-season form even if the teams do have some opening game jitters.

*** Last year there were around 45 youngsters that took part in the Youth Football League in Elba, but this season over 70 players are working hard at practice and hopes are high that all three teams will have winning seasons. I don't know if it was the change in leagues, the lack of long road trips, or just the fact more kids wanted to play, but for some reason the youth program has its biggest numbers ever. The youngsters open their season on Sept. 6 in Goshen, then return home to play New Brockton the following week. It's lots of fun to watch and these future Tigers need and deserve your support.

*** Before I go....I heard some grumbling last week about the Foggy Bottom Classic being held at Miller Stadium and how the preseason game should be moved (to the new facility at Elba High). Personally I enjoy going back to the "old field" each season to watch a game, and there is just something about the old stadium that seems to bring back the spirits of the past. The annual trip gives us the chance to remember when and tell stories about games

Elba to field three teams

Tiger volleyball teams open season next week

The Elba Tiger volleyball season will swing into action next week with two matches and a tournament on the schedule.

The Tigers will travel to Samson on Tuesday, Sept. 2, when the junior varsity and varsity open their seasons, while on Thursday, Sept. 4, the junior high, junior varsity and varsity teams will all travel to Andalusia. Both sets of matches will begin at 4:00 PM, with the varsity teams to take the court in the final contests of the afternoon.

The Tigers will continue their busy opening week on Saturday, Sept. 6, when they head across the county to compete in the Kinston Set-Off Tournament, at Kinston High School. The tournament is considered one of the top early-season events in South Alabama, and the Tigers will compete in pool play and then move on to a single-elimination format.

"We still have a young team," said Coach Amelia Rhoades, now in her third year at the Elba helm, "but the girls have grown up playing against varsity competition and hopefully this is the year we will step forward and post a winning record. We started teaching fundamentals two years ago when these girls were in junior high, and now that they are in their third year they should know how the game is played and what it will take to win. We have some very competitive girls and expect them to play hard and get after every serve in every match."

"The change to a rally format will make the game more exciting for the fans," added Coach Rhoades, "and for the players and coaches. Both teams can

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2003 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Teams	Site
Sept. 2	Samson	4:00	JV-V	There
Sept. 4	Andalusia	4:00	JR-JV-V	There
Sept. 6	Kinston Tournament	9:00	V	Kinston
Sept. 8	Enterprise Jr.	4:00	8th JR	Enterprise Jr.
	Enterprise Jr.		9th JR	Enterprise Jr.
	Dauphin Jr.		8th JR	Enterprise Jr.
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Sept. 9	Opp	4:00	JV-V	There
Sept. 11	New Brockton	4:00	JR-JV-V	Home
Sept. 16	Andalusia	4:00	JR-JV-V	Home
Sept. 18	Samson	4:00	JV-V	Home
Sept. 22	Dauphin Jr.	4:00	8th JR	Home
	Dauphin Jr.		9th JR	Home
	Enterprise Jr.		8th JR	Home
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Sept. 23	New Brockton	4:00	JR-JV-V	There
Sept. 30	Kinston	4:00	JR-JV-V	There
Oct. 2	Kinston	4:00	JR-JV-V	Home
Oct. 7	Zion Chapel	4:00	JV-V	Home
Oct. 9	Opp	4:00	JV-V	Home
Oct. 14	Zion Chapel	4:00	JV-V	Away
Oct. 16	Ariton	6:30	JV-V	There
Oct. 18	Enterprise Tourney	9:00	V	Enterprise
Oct. 20	Area Tournament	TBA	V	TBA
Oct. 25	Sub-State	TBA	V	TBA
Oct. 30-Nov. 1	State Tournament			Pelham

now score points at any time, not just when serving, and that keeps the pressure on the players at all times and should really speed up the pace of the match. Our girls are very athletic and aggressive, and the new rule

of long ago, and to me even the band sounds better when they get cranked up down by the levee. School officials can play the game wherever they please, but for me the annual trip back to Miller is the perfect way to get ready for the start of a new season and gives other Elba High grads the chance to see their children on the same field where they played, or marched many years ago.

THE RETURN OF "YE OLE POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR"

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator called one day last week and then stopped by over the weekend to talk football and drop off his picks for the opening week of the high school football season. The local gridiron guesstest reminded me that making predictions in the first few weeks of the season was nothing more than an educated guess, but he seemed fired up about the new season that kicks off this week and predicted an exciting season for the players and fans. Okay, here are his week #1 picks....

ELBA VS. BRANTLEY

The Tigers threw former Elba coach David Lowery a welcome home party last year to open the season and then gave him a 13-0 whipping as a special gift to remember them by. This year you can bet Coach Lowery and his Brantley Bulldogs have something planned for the Tigers when they come to town Friday night, and the guess here is that Brantley will even the score with a win over the youthful Tigers from Coffee County.

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NEW BROCKTON VS. ZION CHAPEL

The Rebels will invade Gamecock Stadium Friday night and will be ready to do battle, but New Brockton may have an ambush planned for the troops from North Coffee County and will fight hard to defend their home turf. While most area fans think this one will be a blow out, my hunch is that Zion Chapel will keep it close, at least for a while.

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Headland 20 Houston County 12
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Geneva 16 Geneva County 14
Georgiana 22 Samson 14
Daleville 34 Goshen 0
Highland Home 29 McIntosh 7
Dale County 27 G.W. Long 14
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Elba Tigers travel to Brantley on Friday night for season opener against high-powered Bulldogs

The Elba Tigers will kick off their 2003 football season on Friday night when they travel up to Crenshaw County to battle the high-powered Brantley Bulldogs.

The Tigers of Coach Mike Waters struggled to a disappointing 5-5 record a year ago, while the Bulldogs of Coach David Lowery finished the season with a 9-3 slate and will be looking to avenge last season's 13-0 season opening loss to Elba.

"Brantley always has one of the state's top 1A football teams," stated Elba's Coach Mike Waters, "and this season they may very well have the state's best 1A team. To win nine games is an accomplishment, but last year Brantley won nine games and was disappointed that it didn't win more and make a trip to Birmingham to the state finals. This year all they are talking about in Brantley is a state championship, and the coaches and players all know the first step toward a state title will come Friday night against us. There is no doubt Brantley is loaded and there is also no doubt Brantley will be ready to play when they line up Friday night. We had better buckle up our chin straps a little tighter when they blow the whistle, because we will be in for a real battle."

Brantley won six of its final seven games last season in advancing to the second round of the state playoffs, and in its final five games of the regular season averaged over 40 points a game and pounded Luverne 36-14 in its regular season finale. Back from that high-powered offense is starting quarterback Channing Spivey (6-4, 185), leading rusher Devaris Skanes (5-10, 180) and leading receiver Marcel Stamps (6-4, 195). When additional weapons such as running backs Josh Burnett (5-11, 165) and Antuan Foster (5-8, 150) are added to the artillery, it doesn't take long to realize the '03 Bulldogs could very well outscore last seasons' gaudy

totals.

"Brantley has as many weapons on offense as any team in the state regardless of classification," said Coach Waters. "Spivey missed the season opener last year against us with an injury, but bounced back to have a very good season, while Skanes is simply a game breaker and is one of the toughest and quickest backs we will see all season. I looked at last year's program and saw where they have nine linemen back that weigh over 200 pounds, including five that tip the scales at over 250. Brantley won the state powerlifting championships last spring and set some records in the process. So, they are not only very talented, they are also very strong and physical. On defense Brantley has the strength to stuff the run and the quickness to beat its opponents to the corner and defend the pass. Only three teams scored two touchdowns in a game against Brantley last season, and this year that defense is back and will be just as tough as ever. We play in the toughest region in the state in Class 3A, but Brantley is just as skilled as many of those teams and will be a very tough opener for us Friday night."

"If we are going to have a chance at winning Friday night we will have to be balanced on offense and get after the football on defense," stated Waters, "12-10 in his two seasons as the Tigers' head coach. "On offense we will have to be able to run the ball effectively and complete some passes. We look for Brantley to load up and put a lot of people near the line of scrimmage and we will have to pick up their stunts and blitzes and not miss any blocks or assignments. We will also have to hold on to the football better than we did last week, when we lost three fumbles against Samson. We have some young players in key positions on offense and Brantley knows that. Our young players will just have to step up and be ready to go to war. Over on the defense

In closing, Coach Waters stated: "This year's team is a no-name bunch of young men that have worked hard all summer and have done whatever we have asked of them. We lost 14 players that started for a year ago either to graduation or off the field problems, but this team has a personality that we as coaches like and we think the team will only get better as the season goes along. We will go to Brantley to win the football game Friday night and will give it all we've got. There is no doubt we will be out-matched and will be big underdogs. However, that is the way we



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side we will have to recognize their formations, be alert and tackle well against their big backs. Brantley has the ability to score from anywhere on the field at any time either running or passing, and we will have to be ready for whatever they throw against us and play aggressive and smart at the same time. We know as well as they do that we will have some problems matching up with them at certain places, and when that happens our players just have to give it their best and play hard. We look for every single play of the game to be a real battle on both sides of the ball, and we should find out a lot about our players real quick. Our guys take pride in what they do and always play hard, and that is what it will take Friday night."

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like it and unless I miss my guess we will get after it on every play."

Kick off for Friday night's game in Brantley will be 7:30 p.m.

At South Alabama Speedway

Henderson makes return to victory lane

By Mark Chism

Jody Henderson visited Victory Lane 10 times in 2002, but increased competition and mechanical problems have kept the Opp driver out of the winner's circle for most of the 2003 season. Henderson has only two wins in 2003, the last coming on May 3. Saturday night, everything seemed like the old days as Henderson led all 25 laps to take the win in the Super Stock Feature. Greg Rabern got by David Ashley on the second lap and followed Henderson for the remainder of the race. Scotty Anderson, who came into the race on a two race win streak, came from the eighth starting spot to finish third. Heath Mills, making his first start in a couple of months placed fourth. Ashley slid back to fifth in the final order.

In the Modified Feature, Zach Hammett took advantage of the situation to come away

with the win. Hammond took the early lead and led until Kevin Peel took over lap 18. Peel appeared headed to the win, but he slowed when another car spun on the last lap. Under South Alabama Speedway rules, once the white flag has been displayed, the caution will not be shown and you race back to the checkered flag. When Peel slowed, Hammett jumped at the opportunity and regained the lead. Peel tried desperately to run Hammett back down, but Hammett held him off for the win. Jamie Ater was third, followed by Ken Gibson, and Randy Poole.

In the Street Stock Feature, Stacy Bledsoe took the lead on the first lap and led flag to flag to take his fourth win of the season. Scott Morse quickly moved into second, but couldn't mount a challenge to Bledsoe's lead. Derek Deese came from the sixth starting

spot to claim third. Lee Norworthy finished fourth with Todd Valdez fifth.

Will Mack came from the 12th starting spot to take his fifth win of the year. Mack moved into fourth on lap five and got a break when Greg Morse and Jason Singletary, running second and third got together bringing out the caution. Both were sent to the rear, moving Mack into second. It took Mack two laps before he moved past Kim Bishop for the lead. Mack had to survive a restart with four laps to go to capture the win. Bishop was second with John Singletary third and Jason Gess fourth. Jason Singletary came back to finish fifth.

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2003 ELBA JUNIOR TIGERS

Elba Junior Tigers to kick off season Tuesday night against Straughn Junior

The Elba Junior High Tigers will kick off their season on Tuesday night, Sept. 2, at Straughn, and despite a 6-0 win over Samson last week in a fifteen-minute preseason contest, Coach Marty Marler knows his young team still has a lot to learn.

"It was great to get the win in the preseason game and should give the players a lift," stated Coach Marler, "but this is a very young team as far as experience is concerned and we still have a long way to go. No teams at this level are supposed to have a lot of experience and we know that as coaches, and that is why our first responsibility is to teach the basics of the game and make certain every single player learns the fundamentals. We will try to win every game we play. However, we want the players to learn how to play football and get their careers in the sport off to a solid start. If we can do that we will be okay and the wins will take care of themselves."

The Junior Tigers will tangle with Straughn in their Tuesday night opener, and Coach Marler

is also aware that the Straughn Junior High squad claimed a 24-0 win over 4A Geneva in a two-quarter scrimmage last Thursday night.

"Straughn always fields a very good junior high team," added Coach Marler, "and by looking at the score of their preseason game last week they must be loaded again. Geneva has always been a power at the junior high level, and for Straughn to whip them 24-0 in just two quarters says a lot. It will be our season opener, it will be on the road and it will be

against a very talented team. There will be no doubt we will have our work cut out for us Tuesday night."

When asked about last week's win over Samson, Coach Marler stated, "We got the chance to play all the youngsters that had worked so hard during preseason drills and that was their reward. On offense we moved the ball on our second possession and put points on the scoreboard, while over on defense we gave up some yardage, but kept them off the board and got after the ball."

ELBA JUNIOR TIGERS
2003 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	Site
Sept. 2	Straughn	6:30	Away
Sept. 9	Pike County	6:30	Away
Sept. 16	Goshen	6:30	Away
Sept. 23	Opp	6:30	Home
Sept. 30	Geneva County	6:30	Home
Oct. 7	Samson	6:30	Home
Oct. 14	New Brockton	6:30	Home

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SPORTS

Win third straight Foggy Bottom Classic

Elba Tigers roar past Samson 26-6

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers hosted the Samson Tigers last Thursday night in the third annual "Foggy Bottom Football Classic" and extended their winning streak at Miller Memorial Stadium to three games by rolling to an impressive 26-6 win, in three quarters of action.

Elba received the opening kick off and promptly marched 70 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. An 11-yard run by Kimmy Hill gave the Tigers an early first down, while a key play in the scoring drive came on a second down and nine when Brandon Kelley and Kirby Gray hooked up on a 30-yard pass completion. The long pass play gave Elba a first down at the Samson 14-yardline, and one play later Kelley returned to the air and this time connected with Carlos Aruz on a 6-yard touchdown toss. Kelley kicked the extra-point and with 9:48 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 7-0.

Three punts and a lost fumble highlighted the next four possessions, with Samson winding up with the football at its own 46-yardline. The blue-clad Tigers from Geneva County finally gave their fans something to cheer about as they covered the 54 yards to the endzone in nine plays to cut into the Elba lead. Lucas Edison gained 36 yards on five carries to spark the scoring drive, while Raymond Lasiter scored the touchdown on a 4-yard dash into the corner of the endzone. The extra-point try fell short, and with 11:57 remaining in the second quarter Elba's lead had shrunk to 7-6.

Elba failed to mount a drive on its next possession, but got the ball back at its own 33-yardline following a Samson punt and this time marched 67 yards in five plays to extend its lead. It appeared the Tigers had scored on the first play of the possession when Kimmy Hill broke loose and raced 67 yards into the endzone. However, a penalty behind the play nullified the long scoring run and left the Tigers with a first down at the Samson 42. A fifteen yard penalty against Samson on third down and six helped keep the



ELBA DEFENSE MEETS A SAMSON RUNNER...The Elba Tiger defense limited Samson to only six points Thursday night in the third annual Foggy Bottom Classic. Pictured above meeting to make a tackle are Jessie Schultz (66), Brandon Wilson (7), Brandon Bowers (32) and Stefaun Burks (1).

drive alive early, while the score came one play after the penalty when Kimmy Hill again broke loose and this time raced 25 yards for a touchdown. Kirby Gray added the extra-point and with 4:40 left in the second quarter Elba's lead was up to 14-6.

Elba's Marchello Reed recovered a Samson fumble on the third play of the third quarter to set the Tigers up at the Elba 47-yardline, and seven plays later the outcome had been settled as Elba owned a big 26-6 lead and easily held on to remain undefeated in the preseason series at Miller Memorial Stadium.

A 30-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Brandon Wilson on third down and six was a big play early in the scoring march, while the touchdown came on fourth down and five when Kirby Gray went up with two Samson defenders and pulled in a 20-yard scoring strike from Kelley. The extra-point try failed, but with 7:55 remaining in the third quarter the Tigers had taken command by opening up a 20-6 lead.

The teams swapped fumbles on the game's next three possessions, with Samson winding up with the ball at its own 43-yardline. Samson was forced to go to the air in an attempt to cut into the Elba advantage, and the air attack backfired as on Samson's second play of the series Elba's Brandon Wilson stepped in front of a Brock Barnes pass and returned the interception 56 yards for a Tiger touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with only 3:57 left on the clock the outcome had been settled as Elba owned a big 26-6 lead and easily held on to remain undefeated in the preseason series at Miller Memorial Stadium.

Sophomore quarterback Brandon Kelley completed 5 of 7 passes for 90 yards and 2 touchdowns and added 29 yards rushing on 8 carries to lead the Elba offense, while Kimmy Hill ran for 94 yards on 14 carries and scored 1 touchdown. Kirby Gray pulled in 2 passes for 54 yards and 1 touchdown, while Brandon Kelley had 1 catch for 30 yards and Carlos Aruz hauled

in 1 pass for 6 yards and 1 touchdown. Kaleb Dyess, Marchello Reed and Lewis Johnson all had 4 tackles to lead the Elba defense, while Brandon Wilson had 3 stops and a pass interception for a touchdown and Carlos Aruz and Stefaun Burks both made 3 tackles.

Raymond Lasiter gained 72 yards on 15 carries to lead the Samson running game, while Lucas Edison added 56 yards on 11 carries and Justin Tisdale hauled in 4 passes for 75 yards.

STATISTICS

10	1st Down	11
30-137	Rushes-Yds.	30-116
90	Passing-Yds.	82
227	Total Offense	198
5-7-0	Passes	5-13-1
4/3	Fumbles/Lost	3/2
1-45	Punts-Ave.	3-29
4-25	Penalties-Yds.	3-45

Elba Junior Tigers toss 6-0 shutout at Samson Jr. High

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor

The Elba Junior High Tigers battled Samson last Thursday night in a fifteen minute contest to wrap up the third annual "Foggy Bottom Football Classic" and scored late in the game to pull out an exciting 6-0 win.

Samson put the ball in play at its own 30-yardline to begin the contest and behind the running of Shaunte Hill and Zak Spear quickly marched to a first down at the Elba 29-yardline. Hill gained 18 yards on 4 carries and Spear added 18 yards on six carries to lead the Samson drive; however, the drive came to an end on fourth down and seven when Elba's Brad Sullivan stopped Spear far short of the needed yardage.

Elba took over on downs at its own 24-yardline and drove 76 yards in five plays to score the only points of the game. Chafin Johnson got the drive off to a fast start with a 33-yard dash, while Jordan Bryant added a 25-yard scamper to quickly move the Tigers downfield. A penalty slowed the scoring drive, but only for one play as the Tigers scored when Chafin Johnson took a handoff on a reverse and raced 16 yards around the corner. The two-point pass fell incomplete, but with 3:55 remaining Elba was ahead 6-0.

Samson failed to move the chains on its next series, while Elba simply ran out the clock and claimed the 6-0 preseason win.

Chafin Johnson gained 56 yards on 3 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Elba offense, while Jordan Bryant added 20 yards on 2 carries. Brad Sullivan made 4 tackles to lead the Tiger defense and Clint Bradshaw, Derrick Manning and Jacob Forbes all chipped in with 2 stops.

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SPORTS

New Brockton Gamecocks prepare for invasion by Zion Chapel Rebels as prep football opener nears for area rivals

The high school football season will kick off this week all across the state and for area football fans the opening week of action will bring with it a cross-county clash when the Zion Chapel Rebels travel to New Brockton to tangle with the New Brockton Gamecocks.

The Gamecocks posted a 7-4 record last season and advanced to the state playoffs, and Coach Shannon Clark has a veteran squad back to help New Brockton continue its trek back to the top in the 2A ranks. Senior running back Tyler Simmons (5-8, 170) has been a starter since the seventh grade

and will once again lead the Gamecock offense, while sophomore quarterback Derrick Cook (5-9, 150) and sophomore running back Justin West (5-9, 150) will help share the load. The Gamecocks' line was hit hard by graduation last season. However, with Brian Allums (6-7, 280) and Justin Allums (6-7, 265) back to help anchor things up front, the Gamecocks may be stronger up front than many thought.

The Rebels struggled to an 0-10 record a year ago, but Zion Chapel has a new coach in Harry Lees, and Coach Lees has had to spend as much time try-

ing to put confidence and pride back in the program as he has teaching football. Everyone at Zion Chapel knows the Rebel program can't be fixed in only one season, but hopes are high on the Rebel campus and with only four players lost to graduation from a year ago, there can be little doubt these Rebels will be hungry for a win when they kick it off.

This cross-county rivalry may have lost much of its luster in recent years, but bragging rights will be on the line and the one thing that is certain is that every player on the field will play his best for all four quarters.



KINSTON'S COACH GARY GLASS & THE BULLDOGS...await their return to the field last week in the Houston County Football Jamboree. The Bulldogs and Houston County Lions combined forces to meet the Barbour County Jaguars and Geneva County Bulldogs. The Bulldogs will return to Houston County on Sept. 4 to meet Houston County in Kinston's season opening game. The Bulldogs are open this week, while in other area action Elba will travel to Brantley and Zion Chapel will travel to New Brockton in a cross-county battle. Kick off for both games is set for 7:30 PM.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Routine Trailer Maintenance Prevents Roadside Repair

A marina operator once told me that many boaters tend to procrastinate when it comes to doing routine maintenance on their boat trailer. "They will polish the boat, have the motor tuned up, fine tune the fish finder, but ignore the boat trailer," he said.

Tire failure is a common trailer problem. Proper inflation is a must, including the spare. Many a boater has pulled their boat to the lake for years without a problem, but when they have that inevitable flat tire, the spare is also flat or has inadequate pressure. It is best to check air pressure when the tire is cold. Under inflated tires have excessive flex that causes damage to the sidewalls of the tire. Inspect for uneven tire wear that indicates a bent axle or the tire is out of balance. If you fish in remote areas, it makes good sense to add an electric air pump and tire repair kit to the toolbox.

Wheel bearing failure is another situation that can leave boaters stranded by the roadside. Lack of lubrication and water intrusion are the primary reasons for wheel bearing failure. The wheels should be removed and the bearings inspected at least every two years and annually if trailering long distances or if the boat is launched in salt water. If in doubt, repack the bearings and replace the spindle seals if they show any sign of leakage. Trailers should never be submerged that are not equipped with hubs that have grease fitting caps and waterproof seals. It's a good idea to buy a small grease gun and add a little grease every few months, even more often during times of heavy use. Most any marina can retrofit these items on a trailer.

A complete replacement hub is not very expensive and can be a real time saver. Buy one with the bearings already installed and packed in grease. Store it in a waterproof container in the truck or truck toolbox and you can replace the whole hub if necessary. The old hub can be repaired and equipped with new bearings and can become the spare.

Electrical connections should be treated with a corrosion resistant lubricant. Check the ground connection to make sure it is working properly. Most ground connections are made through the hitch ball and coupler. If surface rust has accumulated on the ball or inside the coupler, an adequate ground may not be made. I have a utility trailer that is used only a few times each year. I have to hit the brakes and make several turns in the yard before entering the highway just to scrub the rust off so I can get a good ground for the lights will work.

Inspect safety chains, winch and winch strap, tie downs, brakes if so equipped, and rollers. Performing routine trailer maintenance in the backyard is not a bad job, but working on one beside the interstate is no fun.

Cherokee North Carolina Is Great For Beginning Trout Fishermen

Have you ever watched the outdoor shows on TV showing wading fishermen landing a nice rainbow trout? They all show a fisherman standing knee deep in a pristine mountain stream, decked out in waders and a fly fishing vest, having the time of their life with breathtaking scenery in the background.

Alabama is basically troutless with the exception of Smith Lake and a few small stocked streams in North Alabama. If we want to trout fish we have to go to north Georgia, or the mountain regions of eastern Tennessee or western North Carolina. Since these spots are high on the popularity list for family vacations, it's easy to combine a trout fishing trip with the family vacation.

Last week I had a severe case of cabin fever, so called my friend, Sam Coleman, to see if he wanted to wet a few flies in Cherokee, North Carolina. In Cherokee we met Tim MacCourtney, who owns and operates CCS Fly Fishing Outfitters (828-497-1515) in downtown Cherokee just a short distance from the famous Oconoluftee River. He suggested several stretches of the river that offered good fishing. We followed his directions and caught several nice trout. According to MacCourtney, there are over 30 miles of trout streams open to fishing on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. These streams are stocked twice a week from the last Saturday in March until the last day of October and once a week from November through February. All you need to fish on the reservation is a \$7.00 permit.

While MacCourtney specializes in fly-fishing, he says a lot of visitors do well with spinning gear. He recommends ultra-lite to medium action spinning rods using 4 to 6 lb. test line. "I recommend small spinner baits such as Mepps, Panther Martins and Roostertails. If you want to use live bait, a lot of trout are caught on night crawlers," said MacCourtney.

For fly-fishing, MacCourtney recommends anything from a 3 to 6 weight fly rod with a 4 or 5 weight being ideal. If you don't have the equipment but think you are interested, CCS Fly Fishing Outfitters can provide you with the necessary equipment on one of their guided trips. MacCourtney is very knowledgeable on what insects are hatching on the river and recommends flies such as Stones, Stimulators, Ants, Tellico nymphs, Price nymphs, Pheasant Tails and others.

Tim MacCourtney says late September through November is ideal for catching Oconoluftee River rainbows. I believe him. That's why I'm planning a "relapse" of cabin fever in October. Maybe a few more days of fishing the Oconoluftee will reduce the symptoms of this recurring illness.

Annual Chili 5K Run and Cookoff set for Ft. Rucker this fall

Entries for the annual Chili 5K and Cookoff here are now being accepted. Runners and chili chefs can get detailed information online and register, too.

Details on both events and secure on-line registration are at a special web site, <www.chili5k.com>

The event is a fund-raiser for the local chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA). Admission is free and open to the public.

Runners who register early pay just \$13 and are assured of a colorful Chili 5K T-shirt on race day. Registration the day of the races is \$15.

Chili-cooking teams can register for a \$15 donation, and serious competitors will want to sign up early because spaces are limited.

This year's event is the 12th annual, and organizers have already begun preparations to make it the biggest and best yet. Here's a quick summary of the events, all at Howze Field. On Saturday, Nov. 1 chili teams start their recipes early in the morning. Each team of not more than five members prepares at least 8 gallons of their pride and joy. By mid-morning, hundreds of gallons of chili are nearly ready.

Cooking teams from throughout the Wiregrass set up their booths, put on their costumes and cook up their recipes on the spot, competing for top honors in several categories. Organizers expect entries by 25 or more cooking teams this year.

The 5K race begins at 10 a.m., conducted by the Dothan Runners Club. Also at 10, the chili is served to the public at 50 cents per 4-oz. steaming cup. All along Chili Avenue, the chili-cooking teams go into their acts to attract customers and votes, based on popular demand. At the same time, a program of family-oriented entertainment begins.

The Fun Run begins at 11 a.m. The awards presentations begin at 1:30 p.m.

Detailed rules and inspections ensure good food-handling practices and food safety. The chili teams' motivation to win top honors ensures some of the finest chili anywhere.

Awards go for Best Chili, Best Display, People's Choice (determined by ticket sales) and even Worst Chili. There is no award for hottest or spiciest chili.

Civic non-profit organizations and family support groups are also invited to participate. They may participate in the Chili Cook-off and run events, or simply promote and enhance public awareness with a display table, representatives, literature, and even provide items like baked goods, small crafts, etc. in exchange for donations. Details for their participation are also on the web site.

The Fort Rucker Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) organization now handles all forms of sponsorship for the event. For information on sponsorships, call (334) 598-5311.

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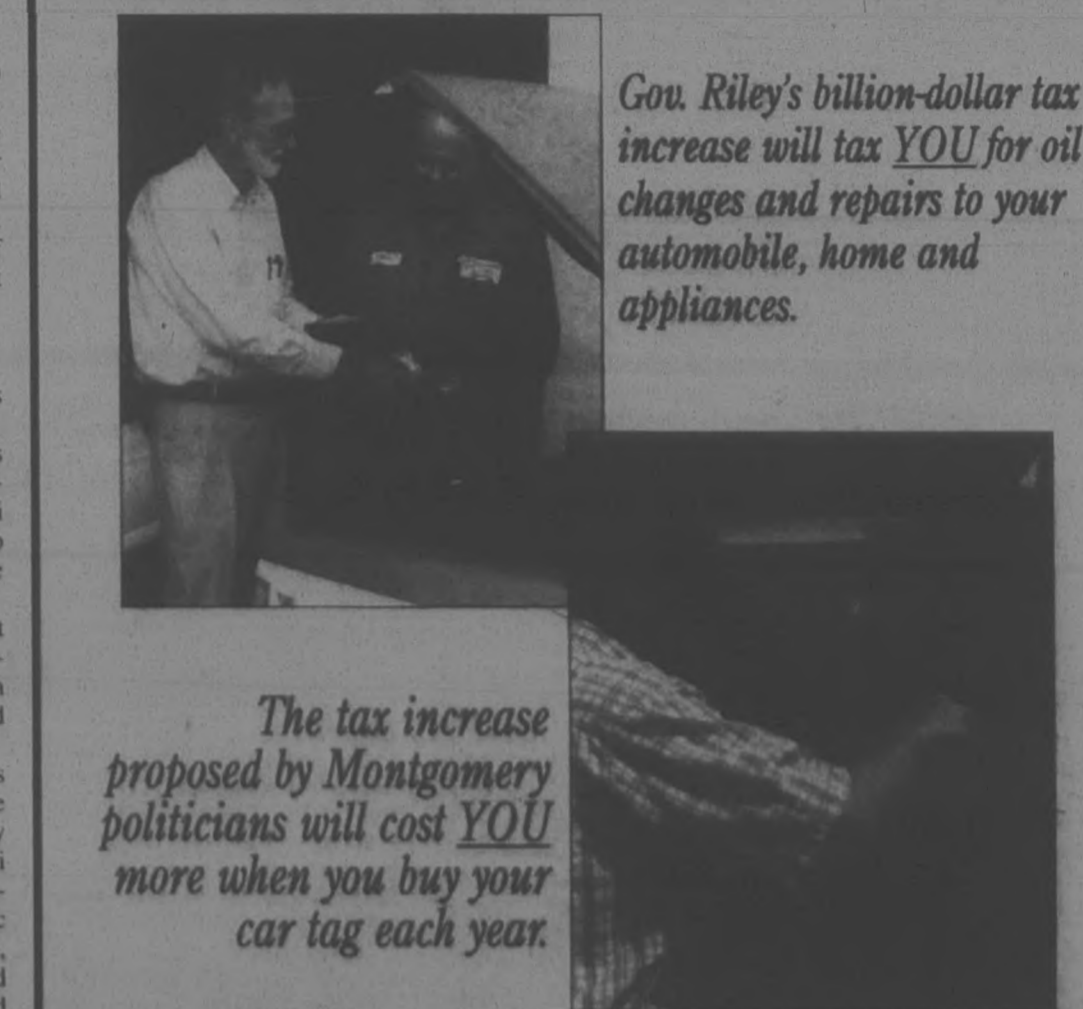
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